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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KOJI NASHIMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MARTIN, PAUL C.  
SERIAL NO: 10/554,285 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 25, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1657  
FOR: MICROORGANISM STAINING :  
AGENT AND USE THEREOF :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendments** begin on page 6 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this response.